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## **NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE**



LOADS

Majority prices were unchanged in the major terminal markets when compared to a week earlier. Demand was seasonal with weekend orders limited. Supplies were usually sufficient, but in fair balance for post holiday trading. Fast food inquiry was moderate to occasionally good. Retail demand was seasonal. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair, but unaggressive for late week trading. Wings, thighs and b/s thighs were better balanced and reported as clearing satisfactorily. Breast items were at least adequate with tenders in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) for the week ending 17-Nov-2007, broiler egg sets were up 2%, and chick placements were up 6% when compared to a year ago. Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 29-Dec-2007 is estimated at 153.5 million head, this compares to 156.2 million head a week earlier.

<u>PRELIMINARY REPORT</u> Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of readyto-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 26-NOV-2007 (cents per lb)

US Grade A

(Including branded product)

<u>Areas</u>	<u>Majority</u>	<u>Range</u>	Wtd Avg	<u>Loads</u>			
Delivered to F	First Receivers						
Chicago	63.00-66.00	57.00-80.50	66.63	28			
New York	67.00-70.00						
Los Angeles	85.00						
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent							
Mississippi	75.00-78.00	56.00-80.00	75.94	80			

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **77.50** cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT PRELIM. WTD AVG 77.23

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

		WTD AVG	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS F	ER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN 7	ENDERS	168.00	1,001
BREASTS -	B/S	133.50	4,226
BREASTS -	- WHOLE	80.00	946
THIGH MEA	T - B/S	112.50	883
LEG QUAR	TERS	42.00	6,455
WINGS		109.50	2,050
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RANGE

74.75 - 79.75

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION Chicago preliminary prices were unchanged on next week's deliveries. Whole broiler/fryer market tone remained steady. Limited offerings noted from producers and trade interest was very light. Retail demand was quiet overall, out-front orders were light. Food service movement was mixed light to fairly good, best for wings and 8-piece cut-ups. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was inactive, as many in the industry were gone for long holiday weekend. Parts supplies were adequate with tenders, drumsticks, and at times boneless/skinless breast more than needed for current trade call. The market tone was steady to barely steady on breasts, tenders and drums; wings and other dark meat items were steady.

<u>WESTERN REGION</u> Preliminary majority price was unchanged for next week. The market tone was generally steady. Very light early trading was reported and at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were at least adequate for immediate needs. Retailer demand was fair. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Post-holiday demand was light to fair as some distributors were closed. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy light trade needs. However, most processors were in a better balanced position today when compared to Wednesday. Schedules for this week are mostly part time due the holiday down time. Most plants will be on regular schedules for next week. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair for early week trading. Supplies of most items were in close balance to occasionally available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable, but heavier trending weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive following the Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light. Fast food interest was moderate. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were at least adequate to readily available and slow to clear in some instances. Thighs, wings and boneless skinless thighs were clearing satisfactorily. Other dark meat cuts were generally sufficient for current needs.

<u>DELMARVA</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally light and unaggressive following the Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings were usually sufficient to handle immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were reported as moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady entering the weekend. In the parts complex, offerings generally varied by volumes available, but were in close balance to available for the current call.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DEILVEERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FORM DELMARVA BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

	DIVARDED	0.0. 01
RANGE		64-85
WEIGHTED AVERA	GE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	11/29/07-11/23/07	(A)
	11/20/06-11/24/06	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	11/29/07-11/23/07	(A)
	11/20/06-11/24/06	(A)
(A) Not reported to avoi	d disclosing individual op	erations.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVA-LENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

	LBS			WTD	WEEKLY	WTD	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	AVG	LBS (000)	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	489	109.00-188.00	-	127.42	2,351	122.21	
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			584	101.74	
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			327	76.32	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			240	51.88	
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			31	59.84	
LEG QRTRS (BULK)	442	38.00-42.00	-	38.61	1878	38.55	
LEG QRTRS (4/10)	385	39.00-45.00	-	41.28	2,126	40.98	
WINGS (WHOLE)	340	100.00-115.00	-	106.65	1,225	107.23	
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			340	120.47	
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			206	55.66	
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			72	50.06	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			304	106.33	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR NOV 23, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

**RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE 5-DAY AVERAGE** 45.00 - 50.00 46.81 45.87

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was light and unaggressive following the Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings of bone-in breast and tenders were fully adequate to readily available and slow to clear; boneless skinless breasts and most dark meat cuts were at least adequate to available. Thighs, wings and boneless skinless thighs were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was barely steady to weak for breast items and tenders. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

	<b>CURRENT NEG</b>			WEEKLY	WEEKLY
ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	120.49	401,383	121.40	1,982,803
TENDERLOINS	105-110	109.36	109,200	108.35	459,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	71.79	144,120	73.70	427,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	68.63	72,000	69.58	298,680
LEGS	59-60	60.66	110,800	62.39	376,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	41.48	252,640	41.90	792,213
DRUMSTICKS	52-53	59.10	74,794	59.50	261,174
THIGHS	51-52	57.89	79,801	57.47	256,393
B/S THIGHS	113-114	113.65	43,440	113.97	192,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	110-111	115.69	116,070	111.95	564,766
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.25	33,080	11.09	136,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.75	14,280	38.05	57,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.64	17,760	75.11	88,600

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

<sup>\*\*</sup> WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ES	TIMATE	D	ACTUA	L	AVG	WTS	ACTUAL	AVG	
	(1,000)		(1,000)	)			(1,000)	WTS	
	11/23	11/22	11/21	11/19	11/21	11/19	11/16	11/14	
Alabama	3,038	(A)	3,962	4,081	5.35	5.55	4,426	5.62	
Arkansas	4,145	(A)	5,164	5,259	5.39	5.49	5,485	5.42	
Delmarva	2,008	(A)	2,288	2,331	5.84	5.84	1,785	5.99	
KY-LA-TN	1,076	(A)	2,415	2,418	5.18	5.25	2,663	5.21	
Mississippi	2,335	(A)	2,907	3,128	5.74	5.61	3,146	5.51	
North Carolina	2,812	(A)	2,775	2,837	7.01	7.05	3,012	7.16	
Texas	2,464	(A)	2,429	2,433	5.49	5.46	2,519	5.34	
Total	17,878	2,474	21,940	22,487	5.67	5.73	23,036	5.71	
Mon-Fri	88,400	(B)					111,219 (	B)	
Saturday	,	`		al for date	,	)	1,299		
(A) Not publishe			0						
(B) Weekly cum									
for 23-Nov-07 ai				,	'47,000 h	ead dov	vn 22.62 pe	rcent from	ı a
week ago and up			•	•					
(Last week 34,5									
inspection for th	e weeker	naing 24	-Nov-07 I	s estimate	ea to be	130,42	,uuu head	aown 22.	05

(Last week 167,330,000, last year 120,513,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS** 

percent from a week ago, and up 8.23 percent from a year ago.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AR	REA) PROCESSED
<b>POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAI</b>	LERS
	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	67-78
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	
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<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS A</b>	AND INSTITUTIONS
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BROILER/FRYER 2# & OVER	ICE PACK	126
	DRY PACK	110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	140
	DRY PACK	108
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	105
DUCKS	19	99-204

#### YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 17-NOV -07 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

Thousands							
	Α	 <b>B</b>	ands <b>C</b>	D			
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs			
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total		
Head	47,125	75,345	25,576	19,284	167,330		
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.37	6.92	8.34	5.51		
% of total /1	28%	45%	15%	12%	100%		
Comparisons							
Last week	43,969	77,699	27,595	20,699	169,962		
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.42	6.93	8.32	5.61		
% of total /1	26%	46%	16%	12%	100%		
Year Ago 2/	46,410	77,490	22,232	14,321	160,453		
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.48	7.08	8.29	5.49		
% of total /1	29%	48%	14%	9%	100%		
To date/2007	1,981,564	3,712,274	1,214,457	560,108	7,468,403		
To date/2006	2,118,940	3,688,798	1,029,441	612,192	7,449,371		

/1May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week. Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

## LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY)	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
W/E 17-NOV-2007	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
		THOUS	ANDS		
Head	167,330	1,274	1,562	2,836	528
Avg Wt	5.51	3.40	7.98	5.92	6.74
Last week	169,962	1,052	1,457	2,509	493
Same wk yr ago	160,453	1,151	1,715	2,866	446
Avg Wt	5.49	3.23	7.42	5.74	6.69
To-date/2007	7,468,403	50,859	67,818	118,677	22,921
To-date/2006	7,449,371	49,891	68,897	118,788	23,010
(A) The estimated		احائمينم مسمي		مما بممنئه ميا	ك مطلا منم لم م

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.4 million head, or 8.9 million more than estimated available.

#### ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

		Million Head	Million Head		
Week	<b>Ending</b>	Slaughtered	Available	Pct	Avg Wt
Oct	13	169.1	167.0	101%	5.52
	20	171.7	166.7	103%	5.65
	27	169.6	166.3	102%	5.67
	3	171.0	166.2	103%	5.56
Nov	10	172.0	164.0	105%	5.61
	17	169.4	160.5	106%	5.51
Year t	to date	7558.9	7596.3	100%	
Nov	24		161.4		
Dec	1		161.8		

### BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal inspection

Thousands							
W/E	11/24/07	11/17/07	%CHG	11/25/06	%CHG		
Broilers	130,427	167,330 *	22.05	120,513*	+8.23		
Cattle	580	644	-10	597*	-03		
Hogs *Actual	2,022	2,362	-14	1,971 *	+03		

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

For delivery the week of NOV 19, 2007

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	164-167	168-173
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	136-146	138-148
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

RANGE MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 70.00-78.75 73.00-78.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 71.00-84.00 78.00-84.00
SQUABS:

NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ. 62.64-85.05 14 OZ. 69.12-96.39 16 OZ. 74.88-106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

#### **CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS**

Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was fully steady. Demands were good. Supplies were adequate to barely adequate. Schedules were shortened due to the Holiday. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.55-.90.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 19-NOV-2007

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

#### **GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -**

DATE OF AUCTION: NOV 20, 2007 PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

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RANGE				
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00	-	1.10 ea.	
Chukars	3.75	-	5.00 ea.	
Pekin Ducks		-	2.00 ea.	
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS.	.25	-	.30	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS.	.40	-	.50	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS.	.35	-	.50	
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS.	.75	-	.95	
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS.	.60	-	.80	
Guinea Fowl	7.00	-	8.00 ea.	
Banty Roosters	2.75	-	3.10 ea.	
Banty Hens	2.00	-	2.25 ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.25	-	.75 ea.	
Silkies	1.25		ea .	
Geese 9-14 LBS.	.35	-	.45	
Pigeons	2.00	-	2.75 ea.	
White Pigeons	4.00	-	4.10 ea.	
Rabbits 4-6 LBS.	1.35	-	1.44	
Rabbits 6-9 LBS.	1.20	-	1.25	
Bunnies	.50	-	3.00 ea.	
Guinea Pigs	.25	-	1.50 ea.	
Goats		-	45.00 ea.	
Kid Goats	25.00	-	30.00 ea.	
Doves	3.50	-	3.75 ea.	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.80	-	.95 ea.	
Total Coops Sold 352	2			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Supplies of both light and heavy canners were about adequate to adequate for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was fair to mostly moderate. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Thanksgiving day holiday. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

23-30 MAJORITY 27-28

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

24-32.5 MAJORITY 30-31

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### LIVE LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN** Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for the barely adequate to adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

REMOVAL COST RANGE MAJORITY
3-12 5-7

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL</u> Trading levels were TFEWR. Demand was fair for spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

RANGE

**MAJORITY** 

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged. Offerings remained barely adequate for the moderate to at times good demand. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 0-9 0-5

#### LIVE HEAVY TYPE HENS

(7 POUNDS AND UP) \*
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB.,
GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 26-NOV-07

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL</u> Trading levels were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Dressed sales were seasonally active. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

<u>SOUTHEAST</u> Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was seasonally fair to moderate for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were normal. Sales of finished product was mostly moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

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\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

#### **WEEKLY NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY**

# FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2007. CAPONS:

Prices were unchanged. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A capons were adequate for anticipated needs. Movement into distribution channels was noted as good. Orders for December deliveries were better than expected. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

### **DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:**

6-9 LBS. 1.85-1.96

#### **GEESE:**

Prices were unchanged. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were generally sufficient for current needs. Movement into retail and distributor channels was seasonal and about as expected. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

#### **DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:**

8-16 LBS. 2.69-2.85

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